

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 753

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dr. John Clark
Donaldson upon his posthumous induction into
the Clay County Sports Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, we take great pleasure in paying tribute to those gifted athletes, coaches,
and administrators who attained the very pinnacle of sporting achievement; and

WHEREAS, Dr. John Clark Donaldson was one such legendary athlete, who was
recently inducted into the Clay County Sports Hall of Fame in the heritage division; and

WHEREAS, a talented two-sport athlete, Dr. Donaldson was a star in both basketball
and football for the Celina High School Bulldogs all four years of his high school career; and

WHEREAS, he was the captain of the Bulldogs basketball team his senior year, and he
was an outstanding fullback and lineman under legendary head coach John Teeple; Dr.
Donaldson earned All-Cordell Hull Conference honors his junior year, All-Upper Cumberland
Conference honors his senior year, and the 1958 Best Lineman Award; and

WHEREAS, widely respected by his peers, he was valedictorian of his graduating class,
and he was voted Most Athletic Senior, Class President, and Student Council President; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Donaldson went on to graduate from Tennessee Technological
University in three years before being accepted to the prestigious Auburn University
Veterinarian School, where he obtained his Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine in 1967; he
returned home and became Clay County's first veterinarian and served as a member of the Clay
County School Board for thirty years, many of those as board chairman; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Donaldson demonstrated leadership, skill, and athleticism throughout
his athletic career, and it is fitting that we should remember him on this special occasion; now,
therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Dr. John Clark Donaldson on the occasion of his posthumous induction into the Clay County Sports Hall of Fame and pay tribute to his remarkable achievements both on and off the field.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.